

**CITY OF LYNDON  
CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024**

Mayor Brent Hagan called the Caucus Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those present: Susan Barto, Mardy Sidebottom, Vicki Stanley, Becky Ricketts, Carla Nalley, Amy Stuber and Attorney John Singler. Many guests also present.

Mayor Hagan began the meeting with an introduction of LMH Architecture, the company who designed the Police Headquarters. Bids for construction were due today by 3:00pm. John Ketenbrink, CEO of LMH, and Heather Harris read aloud the details of each bidder. Miranda Construction \$3,708,834, Wehr Constructors \$3,592,116, Schaefer General Contracting \$3,223,389. LMH will review line items of each bid and give recommendations to council prior to next meeting. Awarding best evaluated bid will be on agenda. The mayor asked that the council be attentive to their email for the next week and thoroughly review the bids themselves and have questions prepared. Bid comparison can uncover reasons why lowest bids are so low and clarify why higher bids may justify the price tag.

Council was asked to provide names of potential candidates to fill vacant seat. Hearing none initially, the mayor asked if anyone in attendance would like to submit their name for consideration. Jenny Benner, resident of Lyndon, acknowledged herself as a candidate who would be willing to serve and would be able to commit her time and talents to the City. Mayor Hagan asked if she would come back next meeting, so the matter could be voted on. Councilwoman Stanley then interjected that there was another name to be considered. Wes from Holly Springs. John Singler asked if Wes was here, he wasn't. Councilwoman Stanley asked if he should have been. Singler then directed all known candidates to be in attendance next Monday for the Council to decide, or the need for a special meeting would occur to fill the seat before the end of January.

The Mayor read a statement he prepared to refute comments by business owners from last month and reiterate the need for implementing an Occupational Tax. He summarized the timeline of discussion regarding additional revenue for more than a year and the rising cost of conducting city business. He reviewed the annual audit from November 2023 and cited numbers with and without Police. The point was that even without Police, the city was facing a funding gap at the very same time we face inflation increases in major services. Property tax rates would need to be raised to .30 cents from .13 to be solvent. He addressed the way businesses were communicated with and acknowledged there was room for improvement. At the end of the first quarter, March 31<sup>st</sup>, the City would have a better idea of the amount of revenue this tax would generate. After that, the Council could decide to reduce and refund in the event the revenue was deemed too much for our needs. He stressed that the City cannot move forward for the benefit of residents and businesses alike without contribution from employees in the city who also benefit from the services we provide.

Guest, Daniel Clift of 9700 Ormsby Station Rd. commented further about the way the City handled the implantation of the new tax and asked for more discussion in the future. He suggested we continue to advise businesses about the tax because "when you think everybody knows, you're only about halfway there."

Councilwoman Ricketts asked Chief Schroeder about consecutive traffic accidents on Ormsby Lane involving the same two addresses. Discussion was held. The Chief remarked that traffic citations have increased considerably since more officers have been trained on radar equipment. More discussion about general traffic concerns and the issues with vehicles getting stuck on the railroad tracks. It was mentioned that it is a violation of Kentucky State law to leave your vehicle running unattended and not to do so because thieves are looking for these opportunities to take your car, especially in the cold weather.

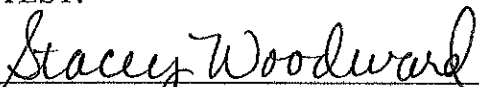
Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.



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Brent Hagan, Mayor

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Stacey Woodward, City Clerk